

By the Commissioners for executing the
Office of Lord high Admiral of Great Britain
and Ireland &c.

You are hereby required and directed to receive on
board the Ship you command *Mariott Anthonet* Esq.
Commissioner of his Majesty's Navy appointed to reside at
Halifax in Nova Scotia, And also *M^r Richard Broun* appointed
Master Attendant of his Majesty's Yard there, together with
their Clerks, Servants and Baggage; and, putting to Sea with
the first opportunity of wind and weather, proceed, in the first
place, to the Island of Fayall where you are to receive from
the Contractor with the Commissioners for victualling His
Majesty's Navy, as much Wine, as may be sufficient to
complete her proportion of Beer to Six Months agreeable to
our order of the 4th July last; And then make the best of your
way to Halifax, And, having landed the abovementioned
Commissioner, Master Attendant, ~~their~~ Clerks, Servants
and Baggage (all which Persons you are to victual
during their continuance on board as the Ship's company
repair without loss of time, to Boston in New England,
where you are to deliver the enclosed packet to Vice Admiral
Graves, or the commander in chief of his Majesty's Ships
and Vessels for the time being in North America, and
follow his Orders for your further proceedings. Given
under our hands the 28th August 1775.

To Captain *Hamond* Comm.
of his Majesty's Ship *Porpoise*

at Spithead
By command of their Lordships

Ph Stephens

Sandwich

H Penton

H Palliser

By Marriot Arbuthnot Esq
commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships
and Vessels at Halifax.

I am hereby required and directed to put
you self under my command, and follow all such orders
as you shall receive from me for His Majesty's Service:
Given under my hand at Halifax the 3 November 1775.

To Captain Hammond of the M^r Arbuthnot
Roebuck

By the command of the Commodore
White

Memorandum - Captain Hammond of His Majesty's
Ship Roebuck to send a Guard of Marines consisting of an
officer, one Sergeant two Corporals one Drummer and
Thirty two Private Men to relieve those now on duty,
for the Protection of His Majesty's Yard and Stores at
Halifax.

M^r Arbuthnot

By Marriot Arbuthnot Esq. commander
and commander in chief of his Majesty's
Ships and Vessels at Halifax in the
Absence of a Flag officer.

+ In consequence of Orders from Samuel Graves
Esq. Vice Admiral of the White, and commander in chief
of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America
directing Press Warrants to be distributed to the
commanders of his Majesty's Ships on this Station to
impress Seamen to complete their respective complements,
and for the further reinforcement of the Squadron

Yours

You are therefore hereby required and directed to use
the utmost diligence in Impresssing as many European Seamen
as you possibly can, and bear them on a Supernumeraries List.
for Victuals and Wages untill further Order, taking care not to
enter Americans except a few good Seamen, nor to take any but
able bodied healthy Men, such as may not be likely to become
a burthen to the Service: And for your further Authority in so
doing you will receive Pross Warrants herewith: Given under
my hand at Halifax the 6th November 1775.

To Captain Hammond
of His Maj^{ty} Ship Roebuck.

Wth Arbuthnot

By command of the Commodore
Jth White

By Marriot Arbuthnot Esq^r &c.
You are hereby required and directed to Supply the
Gunner of His Majestys Ship the Forvey with fifty pounds of
Match for the use of the said Ship taking proper receipts for
the same, for which this shall be your order: Given under
my hand at Halifax the 8th Nov^r 1775

To Captain Hammond
of His Maj^{ty} Ship the
Roebuck

Wth Arbuthnot

By command of the Commodore
Jth White

By Mar^l Arbuthnot Esq^r &c.
You are hereby required and directed to Supply the
Purser of His Majestys Ship the Somerset with one thousand
Six hundred pieces of Reef and take his receipt for the same.
Given under my hand at Halifax this 2nd Nov^r 1775.

To Captain Hammond Esq^r

Wth Arbuthnot

By command of the Commodore
Jth White

Memorandum
You are to acquaint the Master of his Majesty's ship under your command that their Lordships have been pleased as an encouragement to the Masters of the Ships of his Majesty's Squadron under the command of Vice Admiral Graves, to qualify themselves to be Pilots at this critical time, and to become capable to take charge of Ships upon the coast of North America, To direct the Navy Board to pay Full Pilotage, instead of Half Pilotage to such of them as shall produce a Recommendation from the Admiral of their merit and knowledge with the usual certificates of the Services they shall have performed as pilots.

You are therefore hereby required and directed, on all opportunities to give your Master assistance to sound and make such remarks as are necessary to qualify him to take charge as Pilot accordingly. Given

under my hand the 8th November 1775.

To Captain Hammond

commander of his Maj^y Ship

M^r. Arbuthnot

Roebuck

By M^r. Arbuthnot Esq^r.

It being requisite at the present juncture to be as much prepared as possible for the reception of the Enemy in case they should attempt to Surprize his Majesty's Yard at this Port; I have thought proper to order the assistance Schooner to Cruise at the Harbours Mouth, and upon discovering any Ships or vessels, to make such Signals as I have appointed, Copy whereof you have herewith. You are therefore hereby required and directed upon any alarm given, to be in readiness to send on shore from his Majesty's Ship Roebuck under

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your command, One Commission Officer, Two petty Officers
and fifty Seamen completely Armed, with sufficient
quantity of Ammunition, to rendezvous at the Dock Gate
without loss of time; And the remaining part of the
Officers and Ships company on board you will be
careful to have quartered to the Guns, that this Arrangement
may not cause any confusion, and prevent your being
annoyed the Enemy.

And you are particularly to keep your
Ship in the night in as constant a State for Action as
possible. Given under my hand at Halifax the 8th Nov^r 1775
To Captain Hamond
of his Majesty's Ship

Roebuck
By command of the Commodore
Mills

You are constantly in succession
to order a Boat with an Officer to Row Guard for the
examination of Ships and Vessels, approaching
this Port; and make a report thereof to me the next
morning. Given under my hand at Halifax the

11 November 1775.
To Captain Hamond
commander of his Majesty's Ship

Roebuck
By command of the Commodore
Mills

W. Arbuthnot

You are to acquaint the
commanding Officer of the Savage they are to Success you

By Morris Abushnot Esq. 3rd

You are hereby required and directed to Supply
the Gunner of his Majesty's Ship the Senegal with Twenty
five pounds of Match for the use of said Ship, causing proper
receipts to be taken for the same: for which this shall be
your order: Given under my hand at Halifax the
27th November 1775.

W. Abushnot

Captain Hammond

commander of his M^t Ship

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By command of the Commodore

White

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It is the Commodore's directions that
in order to prevent Liquor being brought into the
Dock Yard, and other abuses, no Boat shall be
suffered to land there, except such as come upon
duty, or with an officer. Halifax the 25th Nov. 1775

M. A.

By Samuel Hayes Esq. Vice Admiral of the
White and Commander in chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels employed and to be employed
in the River Saint Lawrence &c. &c.

Whereas my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have
ordered his Majesty's Ship the *Reebee* to be one of the Squadron
under my command employed in North America, to carry into
execution the acts of Parliament restraining the Trade of the
Colonies to prevent the unlawful importation of Gun Powder,
Arms and Ammunition to any part of North America, to
annoy and distress the inhabitants of those Provinces who
are in actual Rebellion against the King, and to defend and
protect the persons and property and the lawful Commerce
of his Majesty's faithful subjects; You are hereby required
and directed to observe the following Instructions for your
conduct upon whatever station I may have occasion to
employ you.

You are always to acquaint the Governor
for his Majesty's of the province wherein
you may be stationed with your arrival and from time
to time consult with him in what manner the Ship you
command may be best employed for the Protection of his
Majesty's faithful Subjects, and their property, the Support
of Legal Authority of Government, and to answer such
other purposes as the Exigencies of the times may make
necessary for the Good of the Kings Service; You are to
give your utmost assistance according to the information
and advice you may receive from the Governor, and use
your best endeavors to employ the Kings Ship under

Yours

your command very diligently towards answering the purposes
beforementioned. 2.

And whereas by the 4th and 5th Articles of the
Treaty of peace concluded at Paris the 10th Day of February 1763,
it is Stipulated that the Province of Canada with all its
dependancies, as well as the Island of Cape Breton, and all
other Islands and Coasts in the Gulph and River Saint
Lawrence, and all that depends upon them shall belong to the
Crown of Great Britain, but his Majesty having by the Said
5th Article consented to leave the Subjects of the most Christian King
the Liberty of Fishing in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, upon
condition that they do not exercise the Said Fishery, but at the
distance of three Leagues from all the coasts belonging to great
Britain, as well those of the Continent, as those of the
Islands situated in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, and as
the fishing out of the Said Gulph, it being thereby stipulated
that the Subjects of the most Christian King, shall not be
permitted, to exercise the said Fishery but at the distance
of fifteen Leagues from the coasts of the Islands of Cape
Breton, and that the Fishery upon the coast of Nova Scotia
or Acadia, and every where else out of the Said Gulph,
shall remain upon the footing of former Treaties; You are
therefore to use your utmost care, diligence and attention
that the Several Stipulations herein beforementioned, be
duly and strictly performed, according to the tenor and
intention thereof, as far as they may come within the
Limits of your station, and also to guard and protect the
Fishery of his Majesty's Subjects within those Limits, taking
care to prevent the Subjects of France from giving them

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any disturbance, by acts of violence, or injustice, or by any
weapons contrary to the Spirit, and intention of the said treaties,
and likewise to prevent the French from catching Fish, except
within the distances and in the manner beforementioned.

You are at the same time to be careful
that the subjects of his the most Christian King, be permitted
quietly and peaceably to enjoy the privilege of fishing within
the distances herein beforementioned, and you are to use your
best endeavors, to prevent his Majesty's subjects from giving
them any disturbance by acts of violence or injustice, or by
any evasion contrary to the Spirit and intention of the Said
Treaties; and whereas by the Said Treaty of Paris, possession
of the Islands of St. Peter and Miquelon has been given up to
France, in case any Endeavors shall be used to carry on an
illlicit Trade from those Islands with any part of His
Majesty's Dominions in North America within the Limits
of your station, you are to be particularly attentive to the
same and prevent all Communication between the Islands
of Saint Peter and Miquelon, and any part of His
Majesty's Dominions in North America, and from time to
time to give me such information of the illlicit Trade
suspected to be carried on between the Said Islands and the
Continent of North America, as may come to your knowledge.

When you shall be stationed where fisheries
are carried on, you are not to take on board the Ship
you command to be Transported abroad any Seamen or
other than such as do belong to you, and as you are not
to lend any of your Ships company to any of the Fishing
Vessels

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Vessels, so neither are you to suffer to be taken on board the
Ship you command any sort of Fish, either by way of Purchase
or duty freight, or otherwise, excepting what be necessary for
the use and spending of your Ships Company.

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And whereas several Persons who have
made Settlements, and formed establishments with a view of
carrying on Sedentary Fisheries, on those parts of Quebec
and Nova Scotia which lie on the Western side of the Gulph
of S. Lawrence, have been greatly obstructed, and Discouraged,
in the prosecution of their Laudable views by the abuses
and irregularities which have been committed as well
by their own Servants, as by American Vessels which
resort thither from New England, and other parts, you are
hereby required and directed in case you shall at any
time be stationed in the Gulph of Lawrence, or on the
Coast of Nova Scotia and Quebec, to visit and give all
the protection in your power to the several Fisheries
established in the Bay of Chaleur and Gaspe, and
other places on the said Coasts, and you are also hereby
required and directed to repair occasionally to the Island
of S. John to protect the Fisheries which may be carry-
ing on, and to assist the infant Colony establishing
there.

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You are not to dismanttle your Ship or
lay her up during the Winter unless there shall be
a real necessity for so doing of which you are to inform
me, and give a particular account of the Condition

Yours

of putting her in, the time of her laying up, and the nature of the weather during the winter. You

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You are to give the utmost aid and assistance in your power upon the Water to the officers of the Customs in the due and legal execution of the Laws of Trade and Navigation, according to the true Intent and meaning of said Laws, and the Several Acts of Parliament made in that behalf for the support of the King's Revenue.

8th
You are to cause your Ship to be supplied from time to time, with such provisions as may be needful by such persons, or the Agents of such Persons as may be under contract with the Commissioners of the Victualling for furnishing the Same to his Majesty's Ships and vessels, at such places as you may have occasion to touch at taking care to make timely application to the Said Contractors, or their Agents, for such Provisions accordingly, and whenever you are ordered to England you are not to take in more than shall be sufficient to complete what you have on board to three Months, upon penalty of making Good what damage his Majesty may Sustain by your acting otherwise. H

9.
Whereas great Liberty has been some times taken in Supplying Owners or Masters of Merchant Ships with Naval Stores from his Majesty's Ships upon slight occasions, which is a proceeding that may be attended with many inconveniences to his Majesty's Service, you are hereby strictly charged not to spare any Stores from his Majesty's Ship under your command to any Merchant Ship or vessel whatsoever, unless it shall

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shall very evidently appear that such Ship or vessel is in
the utmost distress for the want thereof, that the same cannot
possibly be otherwise procured, and that the Ship you command
can spare them without inconvenience, and even in such
case you are not to take Bond for the delivery of the like
species but to take care that the same be either paid for to you
or that sufficient security be given, that payment shall be
punctually made to his Majesty's Storekeeper if at Halifax
or to the Treasurer of the Navy in England, and to take care
that an account be transmitted by the very first opportunity
to one, of any Stores that shall be so spared by you, to whom,
and the particular reasons for the same, and in case any
monies are paid to you on that account, you are to pay the
same into the hands of the Storekeeper at Halifax

10th
You are to observe that no Bills will be
allowed for work done to his Majesty's Ship under your
command between one refitting and another, unless some
unavoidable accident, or the Service you are employed on,
makes the same absolutely necessary, in which case you
are always to cause it to be done, with as much fruga-
lity as possible, to take proper Vouchers and draw Bills
for the same as directed by the General printed instructions;
but you are never to make any alteration in your Ship
without my order, unless it be for her immediate preserva-
tion, or 'tis obviously necessary for the Security or defence
of the Crew during the present Rebellion and in that case
to acquaint me therewith if any Expence is thereby incurred
to the Crown.

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The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy having represented to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the expense of Cordage and Stores of all Sorts even at the Kings Yards abroad, appear to them to be very great, that they cannot help entertaining an opinion that there is carelessness in the use, and Management of them, and that Rigging is often condemned when it might last much longer, especially when they observe by the Journals delivered into their office, how very little some of the Stationed Ships appear to have been at sea; You are hereby Strictly charged to be very careful in the Management, and to use the utmost good Husbandry in the Expenditure of your Cordage, Rigging and other Stores, and to take care that none be condemned but when there shall be an absolute necessity for it.

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And Whereas it is highly necessary that you should be always as much as possible upon your Guard to prevent desertion you are never to suffer a Boat to go on shore from the Ship under your command, without a petty officer in her, and whenever an officer goes on shore upon Service, or his pleasure, the same caution is to be observed; and no Boat is to be kept waiting on any account, but as soon as the officer's appointed time, which he is to be enjoined to be very exact in keeping.

13th

And Whereas the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, have signified that the Case relative to the importation of Bullion into his Majesty's Colonies in North America in foreign Bottoms has been referred to the Attorney and Solicitor Generals, and that they have

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Given their opinions that by the true construction of the
12th Charles the second: Ch. 13 and 7 and 8. of King William
the third Bullion may be imported into the Plantations
in foreign Bottoms, You are hereby required and directed
not to Seize, or molest foreign Vessels, bringing Bullion
to any part of his Majesty's Dominions in North America,
in like manner as has been heretofore used, but you are
to convey them to Boston or to any part in possession of
his Majesty's forces, and where the property may not fall
into the hands of the Rebels untill my directions can
be obtained concerning them.

14th
Whereas a new Settlement is forming
and a Town building by his Majesty's Subjects on
Amelia Island on the Coast of East Florida, near the
entrance of St Mary's River, You are hereby required
in case you shall be stationed at Providence and the
Bahama Islands to repair occasionally to the before
mentioned Island, as the other Services on which you
are employed will admit, and to give the Settlers
there any protection and assistance they may
stand in need of. 15th

And Whereas the King has thought fit
to direct that a small part of his Forces stationed at
St. Augustine not exceeding Two Companies, shall do
duty in the Forts of the Bahama Islands; you are hereby
required and directed upon application from the command
in chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America, for
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the time being, to provide a passage for the said Forces and their Baggage on board the Ship you command to and from the said places as occasion may require, unless the same should interfere with some other very essential Service, on which you may happen to be employed, at the time when the application is made in which case their transportation must be postponed till such very essential service shall be performed.

16th
Whereas it has been represented by Lord William Campbell late Governor of Nova Scotia, that the Revenue Officers at Halifax have cause to suspect that an unfair use has sometimes been made of the Clause inserted in an act of that Province: Whereby it is ordered that all Rum and other Spirits issued for the use of his Majesty's Ships by the Contractors should be exempted from the Payment of the whole of the excise Duties under certain Regulations, particularly that no part of what was shipped should be reloaded, or sold within the Jurisdiction of that Province, In order therefore to prevent such abuse in future, you are hereby required and directed not to give any Certificate for Rum, or other Spirits received on board his Majesty's under your command when at Halifax, except for such Rum or Spirits as shall be furnished by the Contractors of the Victualling or his Agent for the time being and the Quantity to be first certified from him to you before you sign any Certificate.

Of 15th
The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy
having signified to me that Men sent home from foreign Stations as Invalids having only written Certificates from the
Surgeons

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Surgeons of the Hospitals, which are not accompanied by
the Ships such Ticket, whereby the public is put to great
expense by their long continuance in the Hospitals in
England before they can receive their wages, you are hereby
required and directed in order to prevent invalids being
sent home in this irregular manner in future to take
particular care when any men are Discharged from
his Majesty's Ship under your command unseaworthy,
that you transmit the proper pay Ticket and Certificate
as directed by the Late Act of Parliament, to the
Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, and you are
also directed when any Men belonging to his Majesty's
Ship under your command are sent to the Hospital for
cure on any part of the Continent, to send a duplicate
Ticket properly filled up and Signed with them.

18th
You are further Required and directed to cause
your Purser to pay with money for all such water as
may from time to time be wanted for the use of His
Majesty's Ship under your command; their Lordships
having directed the Victualling Board to allow him on the
passing his accounts for all the Water he may so purchase,
upon the Vouchers being approved by the Commander in
chief, and not otherwise, at the same time I shall not
allow of the Water being charged which you may use
in brewing of Spruce Beer for the use of the Ship.

19th
And Whereas the due performance of
the Service aforementioned will depend in a great measure
upon the Ship you command being at sea as much as
possible

possible, You are to keep your Ship and Boats, in constant readiness to attend such Services, and when cruising you are not to go into Port unnecessarily, nor to remain there longer than your wants, and necessities of the public Service which may occasion your going thither, shall unavoidably require.

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You are to correspond with me at Boston & transmit to me by all opportunities an account of your proceedings with the State and Condition of his Majestys Ship under your command, together with such other accounts and Intelligence as you may judge necessary, to make me acquainted with and you are likewise to acknowledge in writing the receipt of all Letters, and Orders you may at any time receive from me or his Majestys Service, mentioning the Date and purport thereof, and time of receiving.

I Given under my hand on
board his Majestys Ship Ruston
at Boston the 8 Octob^r. 1775
Sam^l Graves
Captain Hammond
Commander of his Maj^{ty} Ship
the Roebuck
By command of the Admiral
Geo Gifford

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By Maritime Ambushment Esq. &c. &c.
In pursuance to an order from Vice Admiral.

You are hereby required and directed to observe and punctually obey the following orders and directions during the present Rebellion, or untill you receive contrary orders from the Admiral, or any other your Superior Officer.

You are to Seize and detain all Ships and Vessels belonging to the inhabitants of the Four New England Provinces, and send them to Boston or to any other Port in America where they may be safely kept untill his Majesty's pleasure is known concerning them; And you are in all Cases of Seizure and detention as aforesaid to Transmit to me an account thereof according the form Annexed, and to give strict directions to the officers put on board to prevent Intemperance, and upon his arrival at Boston, to report to me or the commanding officer at any other Port, the Condition of the Vessel, and if any part of the Cargo is in danger of perishing.

You are to do all that is in your power to prevent any commerce between the Colonies of New York, Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, And the Carolinas, and other places than Great Britain, Ireland or Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, including the Bermuda, Bahama Islands; To search every vessel going into and coming out of the Ports in these Colonies; and to Seize and detain them in every case in which you shall make any discovery of Contraband Trade or Conveyance of Arms and Ammunition Military or Naval Stores of any kind.

You are to receive on board and afford every Reasonable accommodation to the Governors or other officers
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of the Colonies within their respective Nations who may be
compelled by the violence of the people to seek such an asylum,
And generally to afford every protection in your power to any
of his Majesty's Subjects who may acquire it, And further you
are hereby required and directed to cause it to be publicly
Signified in all such Sea Port Towns as are amenable to
the Kings Ships, that if any violence shall hereafter be
offered to any of the officers of the Crown or other peaceably
disposed Subjects to His Majesty; or if any Bodies of Men
shall be raised and Armed in the said Towns or any mili-
tary works erected otherwise than by order of his
Majesty or those acting under his Authority; or if any
attempts shall be made to Seize or destroy any publick
Magazines of Arms, Ammunition or other Stores it will
be your duty to proceed by the most vigorous Efforts,
against the said Town as in open Rebellion against the
King; And if after such Signification, any Town shall
persist in the rebellious Acts above Stated; You are
hereby required and directed to proceed accordingly. It
being his Majesty's firm Resolution, that every measure
be pursued for Suppressing by the most vigorous Efforts
by Sea and Land this unnatural Rebellion which
menaces the Subversion of the present happy Constitution.

And Whereas there is ground to suspect that
many people in England hold a Traiterous correspondence
with his Majesty's rebellious Subjects in North America,
You are hereby most Strictly required and directed to Stop and
Search all Merchant Ships and Vessels bound to and from
North America, and carefully examine every Letter on
board; and all those that shall in your opinion contain

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any matter tending to aid or advise the rebellious
proceedings of His Majesty's Subjects in North America,
to Secure and Send them to me, carefully Sealed up by
the Safest and quickest conveyance.

You are to observe the same conduct
with respect to all Letters containing Intelligence of
present or intended operations of the Rebels, or any other
information proper for me to be acquainted with.

You are also to Seize and Send to Boston, all
Ships and Vessels belonging to any of the other Colonies in
North America Laden with Provisions, Rum, Live Cattle,
Hay, Salt, Lumber, Melasses, Fuel or any Sort of Naval
Stores whether they are in Breach of any Act of Trade or
not, Constantly Transmitting me accounts thereof as
before directed upon Seizing the Ships, and Vessels
belonging to the Four New England (provinces) or
Governments.

And Whereas the Rebels are striving to
Equip a Naval Force to intercept Supplies coming
to the Army or Fleet at Boston; And to oppose the
Small Ships and Vessels of His Majesty's Squadron,
You are to take or destroy these Pirates wherever they
can be found, and all Vessels of whatever denomination,
the property of the Rebels, in the Harbours or on the
Coasts of the Four New England Governments; And
also all those in the other Colonies that are arming or are
evidently intended to be employed in the Rebellion
against His Majesty.

Whenever it can be done you are to Seize

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To Captain Hamond
Commander of his M^t Ship
Reebuck
By Command of the Commodore
J. White

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By *Morris Arbuthnot Esq.*

Whereas there are a few Supernumeraries on board the *Roebuck* under your command, and more may be daily expected, for the better carrying on of the Service.

You are hereby required and directed to bear all such Supernumeraries, as shall be ordered on board from other ships, impressed Men, Marines, invalids, Men from Hospitals, prisoners of War, and victual them at whole or such allowance, as shall be ordered by me; for which this shall be your order. Given under my hand at Halifax the 3^d November 1775 -

Captain *Hamond*

M. Arbuthnot

Roebuck
By Comm^d of the Commodore
White

By *Morris Arbuthnot Esq.*

Pursuant to orders from Vice adm^l Graves. You are hereby required and directed to put your self under his command, to use the utmost dispatch in getting his Majesty's Ship under your command ready for sea, to complete your Sea Stores to Twelve Months, and your provisions of all Species to Six, and follow his orders for your further proceedings. for which this shall be your order: Given under my hand at Halifax the 5th January 1776.

Captain *Hamond*

M. Arbuthnot

Roebuck
By Comm^d of the Commodore
White

By *Marriot Arbuthnot Esq: &c*

Whereas you have represented to me that,
Michael Lydon ~~Seaman~~ on board his Majesty's Ship
under your command is a very drunken disorderly
person.

You are hereby required and directed to
discharge him intirely out of the Service, taking care
to comply with the late Act of Parliament, for
which this shall be your order. Given under my
hand at Halifax the 31st December 1775.

Captain Hamond

Mr. Arbuthnot

Roebuck
By Command of the Commodore
White

By *Marriot Arbuthnot Esq: &c*

Whereas the Six Men named in the Margin
belonging to his Majesty's Ship under your command
have been surveyed and judged unfit for his Majesty's
Service. You are hereby required and directed to
invalid and discharge them unserviceable accordingly,
taking care to comply with the late Act of Parliament:
for which this shall be your order: Given under my
hand at Halifax the 6th January 1776.

Captain Hamond

Mr. Arbuthnot

Roebuck
By Command of the Commodore
White

Seamen

Wm. Pitt

Jn: Anderson

Jn: Rodwell

Geo. Clark

Marines

Henry Shipp

Jn: Sharby

Ant. Herring
Wm. Wood

By Marius Arbuthnot Esq. 3^d

You are hereby required and directed to discharge from his Majesty's Ship under your command the persons named in the Margin, into His Majesty's Carreruing Yard, taking care to comply with the late act of parliament: Given under my hand at Halifax the 7th January 1776.

M. Arbuthnot

Captain Hammond

Roebuck

By Comm^d of the Commodore
J. White

By Marius Arbuthnot Esq. 3^d

You are hereby required and directed to Discharge from his Majesty's Ship under your command into his Majesty's Ship the Somerset all your Supern^{rs} unserviceable Men and invalids, taking care to comply with the late act of Parliament; for which this shall be your order: Given under my hand at Halifax the 9th January 1776.

M. Arbuthnot

Captain Hammond

Roebuck

By Command of the Comm^d
J. White

By Samuel Graves Esq. Vice Admiral
of the White and Commander in Chief
of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels,
employed and to be employed in the
River S. Lawrence &c. &c.

You are hereby required and directed to put
yourself under my command and follow all such
Orders and directions as you shall from time to time
receive from me for his Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board His
Majesty's Ship Preston at Boston the 13th Dec. 1773
Captain Hammond
of his Majesty's Ship
The Roebuck

Sam. Graves
By Command of the Admiral
J. G. J. G. J. G.

By Samuel Graves Esq. Vice Admiral
You are hereby required and directed to use all
convenient dispatch in completing your Provisions
to Six Months of all Species, and your stores to the
allowed proportion for twelve Months, and having
so done to proceed in his Majesty's Ship under your
command without loss of time to Virginia, where
you are to take the command of His Majesty's Ships
and Vessels on that station (until the arrival of
a Senior officer) and employ them as you shall
find best for his Majesty's Service according to the orders
you

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you will herewith receive.

You are to endeavour to guard the Entrance
of the River Delaware by Cruizers untill the Navi-
gation is open and his Majesty's Ships can anchor
in the River, when you are immediately to repair
there in the Roebuck with a twenty Gun ship or
Sloops, leaving a sufficient force in Chesapeake Bay.
And you are to use your utmost endeavours to
prevent any Supplies getting to the Rebels, to
annoy them by all means in your power and
to protect and defend the persons and property of
His Majesty's Loyal and obedient Subjects wherever
they can be distinguished. You are also to
procure as many good pilots as you can for the
Rivers and Coast of the twelve United Colonies,
and bear them as Supernumeraries for
Victuals only, to be supplied occasionally to
the Kings Ships.

Given under my hand on board
his Majesty's Ship Preston at Boston the
28 December 1775 Sam Graves

Captain Hamond
of his Majesty's Ship
Roebuck
By Command of the Admiral

By Samuel Graves Esq. *Sc: Sc: Sc:*

Having represented to my Lords Commissioners
of the admiralty the inconvenience that may arise
to his Majesty's Ships and vessels proceeding to England
from their several stations upon the requisition of
any of the Governors of his Majesty's Colonies without
order for so doing; And their Lordships having been
pleased to signify their directions to me thereupon,
You are in pursuance thereof hereby required and
directed at no time to proceed to England upon the
requisition of the Governors of his Majesty's Colonies
unless the Said Governor certifies to you that the
service is of a very pressing nature, And that no
vessel can be hired in which an officer may
carry dispatches not safe to be trusted with the
Master. Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Preston at Boston the 25th
December 1775.

Sam^l Graves.

Captain Hammond

of His Majesty's Ship

Reebuck

By Command of the Admiral

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By Samuel Graves Esq. &c. &c. &c.

Whereas you will herewith receive Copies of
Two Acts of Parliament passed this Session, entitled,
"an act to restrain the Trade and Commerce of
the Province of Massachusetts Bay and New
Hampshire and Colonies of Connecticut and
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in
North America, to Great Britain and Ireland,
and the British Islands in the West Indies; and
to prohibit such provinces and Colonies from
carrying on any Fishery on the Banks of New
foundland or other places therein mentioned under
certain conditions and Limitations" "And an
act to restrain the Trade and Commerce of the
Colonies of New Jersey Pennsylvania to Great
Britain, Ireland, and the British Islands in
the West Indies under certain conditions and
Limitations. You are hereby required and
commanded to cause the directions therein
mentioned to be complied with as punctually
as possible, as the same may depend upon you
and the respective Officers and company of his
Majesty's Ship under your command. Given
under my hand on board his Majesty's Ship Boston
at Boston 25th Decem^r. 1775

Captain Hammond
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6th Dec^r

Sam^l Graves

Durham Boston 25 Decem^r. 1775

Sir

I transmit a copy of a Letter, containing some intelligence which I desire you will communicate to the Captains of His Majesty's Ships sailing to the Southward. I am &c.

Captain Hammond

Samuel Graves

Rebuck. (See the Letter)

Sir

Since I was with you last, I have been informed by Thurst the Mate of the Newbury Brig (who I mentioned on a former occasion) that he knows a vast number of Vessels belonging to New England now Trading from different places particularly from the Dutch, and French West India Islands to a port in North Carolina, situated Nine or Ten Leagues to the Westward of Cape Hatteras, by name Beacon Island, which lies a little way in the inside of Ocrich Bar; he was there Seven Months ago, and he declares that there is no port on the continent so famous for Smuggling; giving for reason, that no Kings Vessels ever have been over this Bar, nor is there any Customhouse authority near it: he has been at this place eight voyages, and says that the Pilots for the Bar have orders from all the Trading people near it,

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not to make known to any thing the depth
of Water on the Bar, and to permit should they fall
in with any, that there is not water sufficient for
them, at the same time, this man declares that
there are at full Tides 15 or 16 feet, and that he
has seen larger Ships than the Cancaux Pass.
I thought it incumbent on me to lay this
information before you, and am

Sir

Your most obedient

and obliged Servant

H. Mowat

Cancaux Nantasket

9 December 1775

Admiral Graves

Boston

Preston at Boston 25 Dec: 1775

Sir

Herewith you will receive four
Pres Warrants, which you are to make use of
to complete your complement, and to raise
Supernumeraries when you have orders for
that purpose. I am &c.^a

Captain Hamond

Roebecke

Samuel Graves

Preston Boston 25th December 1775

Sir. I transmit you a proclamation which
you are to cause to be read to your Ships company and
otherwise made as public as possible. I am &c.
Samuel Graves
Captain Hamond
Goebuck

By Samuel Graves Esq. &c. &c.

His Majesty having been pleased by his
Order in council of the 23^d August 1775, a copy of
which is enclosed, to revoke and make void all
and every licence which has been before that time
granted for the exportation and carrying coastwise
of Gunpowder or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition,
You are hereby required and directed to use your best
endeavours to intercept Seize and bring into Port
all Ships and vessels whatsoever, having on board
Gunpowder or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition bound
to any part of North America or that shall be found
on the Coasts thereof excepting however such Ships
and vessels as are employed by the Master General,
Lieutenant General or Principal officers of the
Ordinance, and also such whose Masters shall
have obtained Leave or permission, in that
behalf from his Majesty or His privy Council since
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The said 23 August. This order is in full force
untill the 30 day of June 1776, unless duly
countersigned before that time Given under
my hand on board his Majesty's Ship Preston at
Boston the 25 December 1775.

Samuel Graves
Captain Hamond
of his Majesty's Ship
Roebuck

By command of the Admiral
J. Jefferys

By Molyneux Shuldham Esq.
Rear Admiral of the White, and
commander in chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels employed and to be
employed in North America &c. &c.

Pursuant to the orders of the Right Honourable
the Lords Commissioners of the admiralty.

You are hereby required and directed to put
yourself under my command, and follow all such
orders and directions as you shall from time to time
receive from me, for his Majesty's Service.

Given under my hand on board his Majesty's
Ship Chatham at Boston the 16 January 1776

To
Captain Hamond
Commander of his Majesty's Ship
Roebuck

M. Shuldham

By command of the Admiral
Edw. Boscawen

By Molyneux Shuldham Esq. g. g. g.

You are hereby required and directed to
carry into execution all such orders and instructions
which you have received from Vice Admiral
Graves, and may not have been already fully
executed; for which this shall be your order
Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Chatham at
Boston the 16 January 1776

To
Captain Diamond
commander of his Maj. Ship
Roebeck

M. Shuldham

By command of the Admiral
Edw. Baggot.

By Molyneux Shuldham Esq. g. g. g.

Whereas intelligence is received that the inhabitants of
Pennsylvania, in open Rebellion against the King have been,
for some time past, preparing an number of Armed Craft,
in the form of floating Batteries for the purpose of
annoying & attacking his Maj. Ships that may be sent
into that Province River, and that they have also prepared
and sunk in the channel of the River, Machines for
obstructing the Navigation, and the Earl of Suffolk having
transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the
particulars of the aforesaid intelligence, (Copies of which you
will receive herewith). You are hereby required and directed,
to do your utmost to destroy those floating Batteries, or to weigh up,
or otherwise render useless the Machines sunk in the Channel
of the said River, with a view to obstruct the Navigation thereof

To Captain Diamond

Given under my hand on board his Maj. Ship Chatham
at Boston the 16 January 1776

Private Signals By Day

The Ship to Windward is to clew up her Foretop gallant sail, lower down her Foretop sail, and hoist a Saint Georges Ensign at the Foretopmast head, The Ship to Seeward to answer by clewing up her Maintop gallant sail, lowering the Maintop sail and hoisting a blue ensign at the Maintopmast head, Then the Ship who first makes the Signal to hoist an Union Jack at her Maintop gallant mast head, And the other to answer by clewing up her Mizentop sail, hoisted.

By Night

The Ship to Windward to shew four lights of equal height in the fore Shrouds, and one at the Ensign staff, the Ship to Seeward to answer by shewing three lights in a Triangle at the Mizzen Peak, and two of equal height in the Mainshrouds, Then the Ship who first makes the Signal to burn two false fires, and the other to answer by burning one.

Within Hail

He who hails first shall ask What Ship is that, The other shall answer. To George the Third, then he who hails first shall reply, And British Parliament, the other shall return Renown

Preston Boker 25 Dec. 1775

Sam Graves

To Captain Hammond
of his Majesty's Ship Roebuck
By command of the Admiral
G. Gifford

George Montagu, Esq. Rear
Admiral of the White and commander
in chief of his Maj. Ships and vessels
employed and to be employed in the service
of

Whereas it is His Majesty's firm resolution that
every measure be pursued for suppressing by most vigorous
efforts by Sea and land, the unnatural Rebellion which
at present unhappily subsists in North America; You are
hereby required and directed to observe and punctually obey
the following Orders and directions, untill you receive
contrary Orders from me or any other your superior officer;
And whereas an Act having passed the present Session of
Parliament, "To Prohibit all Trade and intercourse with
the several Colonies in North America therein named
during the continuance of the present rebellion within
the said Colonies.

1.
You are therefore hereby required and directed
to seize and take all vessels whatsoever belonging to,
or found Trading with the said Colonies, and send
them to Halifax in order for their being proceeded against
according to Law. And as the Rebels are endeavouring
to collect and equip a Naval force to intercept the
supplies intended for the Fleet and Army, to obstruct
the commerce of his Majesty's faithful Subjects, and to
oppose the small Ships and vessels belonging to His
Fleet; You are to do your utmost to Take, Sink, Burn
or destroy these Pirates wherever they can be found, as

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also all vessels whatsoever, that may be Arming, or
evidently intended to be employed in the Rebellion
against His Majesty. And for your further guidance and
information herein, I refer you to the before mentioned
Act of Parliament, which you will receive herewith, as
likewise the Kings Proclamation relative to the
distribution of the Prizes taken in consequence thereof,
and you are to send me an account of all vessels seized
and taken by you, according to a form annexed.

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You are very carefully to examine all vessels you may
meet with, and upon the discovery of any Arms, Ammu-
nition, Military or Naval Stores, you are to seize the vessels
on board of which such stores may be found and send
them to Halifax, unless they are in the Kings Service,
and carrying supplies for the Fleet and Army.

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You are to receive on board and afford every reason-
able accommodation to the Governors or other officers
of the Colonies within your respective Stations, who may
be compelled by the violence of the people to seek such
an Asylum, and generally to afford every protection in
your power to any of his Majesty's Subjects who may
require it; And as you are further hereby required &
directed to cause it to be publicly signified in all
such Sea Port Towns as are acceptable to the Kings
Ships, that if any violence shall hereafter be offered
to any of the Officers of the Crown or other peaceably
disposed subjects to his Majesty, or if any Bodies of
Men should be raised and Armed in the said Towns,

or any Military works erected, otherwise than by order of His Majesty or those acting under his Authority, or if any attempts shall be made to seize or destroy any Public Magazines of Arms, Ammunition, or other Stores, it will be your Duty to proceed by the most vigorous efforts against the said Town, as in open Rebellion against the King; and if after such Signification any Town shall persist in the rebellious Acts above stated, You are hereby required and directed to proceed accordingly.

4th
And whereas there is ground to suspect that many persons in England hold a traiterous correspondence with his Majesty's rebellious Subjects in North America; You are hereby most strictly required and directed to stop and search all ships and vessels bound to, or from North America, and carefully examine every letter on board, and all those that shall in your opinion contain any matter tending to aid, abet, or advise the rebellious proceedings of His Majesty's Subjects in North America, to secure and send them to me carefully sealed up by the safest and quickest conveyance.

5th
You are to observe the same conduct with respect to all letters containing intelligence of present or intended operations of the Rebels, or any other information proper for me to be acquainted with.

6th
And whereas some attempts have been made by the Masters of ships bound to North America, to take on board flint stones by way of Ballast; You are hereby required and directed carefully to examine all such ships & vessels

as shall arrive in the different Ports which you may be at
in North America from Great Britain or Ireland, and
in case you find the Ballast, or any part of it to consist
of Flint Stones, to cause such flint stones to be taken out
and thrown into deep water; And also to seize any flints
manufactured for the use of Fire Arms, which you may
find on board such Ships, for, although they are not expressed
in His Majesty's Order in council prohibiting the Exporta-
tion of Gunpowder, Arms, and ammunition, they are
certainly within the meaning and intent of it; ob-
serving at the same time that these Orders are not to
extend to flints manufactured for the use of Fire Arms
sent out by, or with a Licence from, the Master General
or Principal Officers of the Board of Ordnance.

7th
Whenever it can be done you are to Seize any
of the Delegates to the Congress, the Rebel General
Officers, or principal Aiders and abettors of the Rebellion,
and keep them Prisoners until you can safely
deliver them to me, and you are to Seize all Vessels
carrying Emigrants from Great Britain to the
Colonies and send them to Halifax.

8th
You are always to acquaint the Governor (for his
Majesty) of the Province wherein you may be stationed
with your arrival, and from time to time consult
with him in what manner the ship you command
may be best employed for the protection of His Majesty's
faithful Subjects and their property, the Support of
Legal Authority of Government, and to answer such

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other purposes as the exigencies of the times may make it necessary for the Good of the Kings Service: You are to give your utmost Aid and assistance, according to the information and advice you may receive from the Governor, and use your best endeavours to employ the Kings Ships under your command very diligently towards answering the purposes before mentioned.

And whereas by the ^{9th & 10th} ~~15th~~ Articles of the Treaty of Peace concluded at Paris the 10th day of February 1763, it was stipulated that the Province of Canada with all its dependancies as well as the Island of Cape Breton and all the other Islands and Coasts in the Gulph of and River Saint Lawrence, and all that depends upon them shall belong to the Crown of Great Britain, but His Majesty having by the said 5th Article consented to leave the Subjects of the most Christian King the liberty of Fishing in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence upon condition that they do not exercise the said Fishery but at the distance of three Leagues from all the Coasts belonging to Great Britain, as well as those of the continent, as those of the Islands situated in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, And as to the Fishery out of the said Gulph, it being thereby stipulated that the Subjects of the most Christian King shall not be permitted to exercise the said Fishery but at the distance of fifteen Leagues from the Coasts of the Island of Cape Breton, and that the Fishery upon the Coast of Nova Scotia or Acadia and every where else out of the said Gulph, shall remain upon the

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fecting of former Treaties; You are therefore to use your utmost care, diligence and attention that the ~~Said~~ stipulations herein before mentioned be duly & strictly performed according to the Tenor and intention thereof, as far as they come within the limits of your station, and also to guard and protect the Fishery of His Majesty's Subjects within those limits taking care to prevent the subjects of France from giving them any disturbance by Acts of Violence or injustice, or by any evasion contrary to the Spirit and intention of the Said Treaties; and likewise to prevent the French from catching Fish except within the distances and in the manner before mentioned.

10th

You are at the same time to be careful that the subjects of His Most Christian Majesty be permitted quietly and peaceably to enjoy the Privilege of Fishing within the distances herein before mentioned, and you are to use your best endeavours to prevent His Majesty's Subjects from giving them any disturbance by Acts of Violence or injustice or by any evasion contrary to the Spirit and intention of the Said Treaties; And whereas by the Said Treaty of Paris, possession of the Islands of Saint Peter, and Miquelon have been given up to France, in case any endeavours shall be used to carry on an illicit Trade from those Islands, with any part of His Majesty's Dominions in North America, within the Limits of your Station, You are to be particularly attentive to the Same and prevent all communication between the

the Said Islands of Saint Peter and Miguel and any
part of His Majesty's Dominions in North America, and
from time to time to give me such information of the
nature of the illicit Trade suspected to be carried on
between the Said Islands and the Continent of North
America as may come to your knowledge.

11th
When you shall be stationed where Fisheries are
carried on, you are not to take on board the Ship you
command to be transported abroad any Seamen or
others than such as do belong to you; and as you are
not to lend any of your Ships company to any of
the Fishing vessels, so neither are you to suffer to be
taken on board the Ship you command, any sort of
Fish either by way of Merchandise, Freight or otherwise,
excepting what shall be necessary for the use and
expending of your Ships company.

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And whereas Several persons who have made
Settlements and formed Establishments with a view of
carrying on sedentary Fisheries on those parts of
Quebec and Nova Scotia which lie on the Western
side of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence have been
greatly obstructed and discouraged in the prosecution
of their laudable views, by the abuses & irregularities
which have been committed as well by their own
Servants as by American Vessels which resort thither
from New England and other parts; You are hereby
required and directed, in case you shall at any time be
stationed in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence or on the Coast
of Nova Scotia and Quebec, to visit and give all
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the protection in your power to the several Fisheries established in the Bay of Chaleur and Gaspe and other places on the said Coast; And you are also hereby required and directed to repair occasionally to the Island Saint John to protect the Fisheries which may be carrying on and to assist the infant Colony establishing there. 12.

13.
You are not to dismanttle your ship or lay her up during the Winter unless there shall be a real necessity for so doing of which you are to inform me and give a particular account of the condition you put her in, the time of her laying up and the Nature of the Weather during the Winter. 14.

15.
You are to give the utmost Aid and assistance in your power upon the Water to the officers of the Customs in the due and legal execution of the Laws of Trade and Navigation, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Laws, and the several Acts of Parliament made in that behalf for the Support of the Things Revenue.

You are to cause your Ship to be supplied from time to time with such Provisions as may be needful by such persons (or Agents of such persons) as may be under contract with the Commissioners of the Victualling for furnishing the Same to His Majesty's Ships.

Ships and Vessels at such places as you may have occasion to touch at, taking care to make timely application to the Said Contractors or their Agents for such provisions accordingly; and whenever you are ordered to England, you are not to take in more than shall be sufficient to complement what you have on board to three Months, upon penalty of making good what damage His Majesty may sustain by your Acting otherwise.

16th
Whereas great liberty has been sometimes taken in supplying Owners or Masters of Merchant Ships with Naval Stores from His Majesty's Ships upon slight occasions, which is a proceeding that may be attended with many inconveniences to His Majesty's Service, you are hereby strictly charged not to spare any Stores from His Majesty's Ship under your command to any Merchant Ship or Vessel whatsoever, unless it shall very evidently appear that such Ship or Vessel is in the utmost distress for the want thereof and that the same cannot possibly be otherwise procured, and that the Ship you command can spare them without inconvenience, and even in such case you are not to take bond for the delivery of the like Species, but to take care that the same be either paid for to you, or that sufficient Security be given that payment shall be punctually made to His Majesty's Storekeeper (if at Halifax) or to the Treasurer of the Navy in England, and to take care that an account be transmitted by the way

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very first opportunity to me, of any Stores that shall be
spared by you, to whom and the particular reasons for
the same: And in case any monies are paid to you
on that account, you are to pay the same into the
hands of the Storekeeper, at Halifax.

Byth.

You are to observe that no Bills will be allowed
for work done to His Majesty's Ship under your command
between one refitting and another, unless some
unavoidable accident or the Service you are employed
on makes the same absolutely necessary, in
which case you are always to cause it to be done
with as much frugality as possible, to take proper
Vouchers and draw Bills for the same as directed
by the General Printed Instructions, but you are
never to make any alterations in your Ship without
my Order, unless it be for her immediate preservation,
or it is obviously necessary for the Security or
defence of the Crew during the present Rebellion;
And in that case to acquaint me therewith, if
any expence is thereby incurred to the Crown.

18th.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy
having represented to my Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty, that the Expence of Food and
Stores of all Sorts, even at the Kings Yards abroad,
appear to them very great, that they cannot help
entertaining an opinion that there is carelessness
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in the use and management of them, and that Rigging
is often condemned when it might last longer, especially
when they observe by the Journals delivered into their
office how very little some of the Stationed Ships appear
to have been at Sea; You are hereby Strictly charged
to be very careful in the Management and use the
utmost good husbandry in the expenditures of your
cordage, Rigging and other Stores, and to take care
that none be condemned, but when there shall be an
absolute necessity for it.

19th
And whereas it is highly necessary that you should be
always as much as possible upon your guard to prevent desertion,
you are never to suffer a Boat to go on Shore from the Ship under
your command without a Petty officer in her, and whenever
an officer goes on shore upon Service, or his pleasure the same
caution is to be observed and not Boat is to be kept
waiting on any account, but as soon as the officer is landed,
the Boat is to return, and to go again at the officers
appointed time, which he is to be enjoined to be very exact
in keeping.

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty have signified, that the case relative to the
Importation of Bullion into his Majesty's Colonies in
North America in foreign Bottoms, has been referred to
the Attorney and Solicitor Generals, and that they have
given their opinions, that by the true constructions of
the 12th Charles the Second Ch. 18. § 7 and 8 of King William
the Third, Bullion may be imported into the Plantations
in foreign Bottoms; You are hereby required and directed
not to Seize or molest foreign Vessels bringing Bullion to

any part of His Majesty's Dominions in North America, in
like manner as has been heretofore used, but you are to
Convey them to Halifax, or to any Port in Possession of His
Majesty's forces, and where the property may not fall into
the hands of Rebels, untill such directions can be obtained
concerning them. H
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Whereas a New Settlement is forming and a Town
building by His Majesty's Subjects on Amelia Island
on the Coast of East Florida, near the entrance of
Saint Mary's River, You are hereby required in case you
shall be stationed at Providence and the Bahama Islands,
to repair occasionally to the beforementioned Island,
(as the other service on which you may be employed
will admit) and to give the Settlers there any
protection and assistance they may stand in need of
22.

And whereas the King has thought fit to direct
that a small part of his forces stationed at Saint
Augustine, not exceeding two Companies, shall do
duty in the Forts of the Bahama Islands; You
are hereby required and directed upon application from
the commander in chief of His Majesty's forces in
North America, for the time being, to provide a passage
for the said forces and their Baggage on board the
Ship you command to and from the said places as
occasion may require, unless the same should
interfere with some other very essential Service
on which you may happen to be employed at the
time when the application is made, in which case their
transportation must be postponed 'till such very essential
Service shall be performed

23.

Whereas it has been represented by Lord William Campbell late Governor of Nova Scotia that the Revenue Officers at Halifax have cause to suspect that, an unfair use has sometimes been made of the clause inserted in an Act of that Province, whereby it is ordered that all Rum and other Spirits issued for the use of his Majesty's Ships by the Contractor, should be exempted from the payment of the whole of the Excise Duties, under certain regulations, particularly that no part of what was shipped should be re-landed or sold within the Jurisdiction of that Province, in order therefore to prevent such abuse in future, You are hereby required and directed ~~not~~ to give any Certificate for Rum or other Spirits received on board His Majesty's Ship under your command, when at Halifax, except for such Rum or Spirits as shall be furnished by the Contractor of the Victualling or his Agent, for the time being, and the quantity to be first certified from him to you, before you sign any certificate.

24.

The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy having signified to me that Men sent home from foreign Nations as Invalids, have only written Certificates from the Surgeons of the Hospitals which are not accompanied with the Ships Sick Ticket, whereby the Public is put to a great expense by their long continuance in the Hospitals in England before they can receive their wages: You are hereby required in order to prevent Invalids sent home in this irregular manner in future, to take particular care, when any Men are Discharged from his Majesty's Ship under your command unserviceable, that you transmit the proper Pay Ticket & Certificate as directed by the late Act of Parliament to the Com-

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Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, And you are also directed when any Men belonging to His Majesty's Ship under your command are sent to the Hospital for cure (on any part of the Continent) to send a Duplicate Ticket properly filled up and signed with them.

25th

You are further required and directed to cause your Purser to pay with money for all such water as may from time to time be wanted for the use of his Majesty's Ship under your command, their Lordships having directed the Victualling Board to allow him on the passing his accounts for all the Water he may so purchase, upon the vouchers being approved, by the commander in chief and not otherwise; at the same time I shall not allow of the Water being charged which may be used in Brewing of Spruce Beer for the use of the Ship.

26th

And whereas the due performance of the services aforementioned will depend in a great measure upon the Ship you command being at Sea as much as possible, You are to keep your Ship and Boats in constant readiness to attend such Services, and when cruising you are not to go into Port unnecessarily, nor to remain there longer than your wants and necessities, or the Public Service which may occasion your going thither shall unavoidably require.

27th
You are to Correspond with me at Halifax and transmit to me by all opportunities an account of your proceedings with the State and Condition of His Majesty's Ship under your command, together with all such other accounts and Intelligence as you may judge necessary.

Captain Hammond

Given under my hand on board His
His Majesty's Ship Chatham in Halifax
Harbour the 11 April 1776

N. Shulldham.

Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Porpoise, and Senior Officer of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the
River Delaware and Virginia

By command of the Admiral
Edw Bragge

An Act of Congress of the United States, approved May 1st 1800, for the better regulation of the Slave Trade.									
Name of the Slave	Age	Place of Birth			Date of Arrival	Date of Departure	Name of the Ship	Name of the Captain	Name of the Agent
		Country	Province	City					
Abraham	25	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
John	20	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
James	18	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
William	15	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Thomas	12	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Robert	10	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Richard	8	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Edward	6	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
George	4	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Henry	2	England	London	1798	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800

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Signals

Private Signals for knowing each other, to be observed by the Ships and Vessels under the command of the Admiral commanding in chief in America; as well those of War, as Transports Victuallers and others in the Kings Service.

By Day.

The Ship to Windward shall lower down her Foretop sail, which the Ship to Leeward shall answer by lowering down her Maintop sail; then the Ship to Windward shall hoist an English Jack at her Maintopmasthead, which the Ship to Leeward shall answer by, hoisting an English Jack at her Foretopmasthead; then both Ships shall hoist their proper Colours.

By Night

The Ship to Windward shall hoist Four lights, where they can best be seen, one over the other, the Ship to Leeward to hoist four Lights, abreast of each other, where they can best be seen; then the Ship to Windward to burn one false fire, and the other to burn Two.

These Signals to be kept as private as possible.

Dated on board his Majestys Ship
Chatham off Boston the 3^d February
1776. M. Shuldham,

To

By the Commissioners for executing the Office
of our High Admiral of Great Britain and
Ireland &c.

Whereas the Number of Men employed in the Service of the Royal
Navy doth exceed Twenty Thousand: you are therefore hereby required
and directed, notwithstanding former Orders, to bear upon the Books of the
Ship or Vessel under your command, as Part of her Complement no
more fictitious Names of Seamen under the Appellation of Widows Men
then one in every Hundred Men of her Complement shall amount to
untill further Order; observing, if the Complement of the Ship or Vessel
or the broken Number of her Complement amounts to Fifty or upwards
to allow one Name for such Complement on broken Number, given
under our Hands the 15 January 1776.

To the respective Captains and
Commanders of His Majesty's Ships
or Vessels.

By Command of their Lordships
Geo. Jackson D^s

Capt. Hamond. Prochuck.

Sandwich
H. Panton
H. Palliser

By the Viscount Howe, Vice Admiral of the
White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
Ships and Vessels employed and to be employed
in North America.

Pursuant to the Instructions I have received from the Lords Commis-
sioners of the Admiralty for the Employment of His Majesty's Ship the
Prochuck according to their further Intentions: You are hereby autho-
rized and required to comply so, and in your future proceedings be
governed by the Directions you shall from time to time receive from me,
or any other Chief Officer of the Division or Detachment of the Squadron
under my Command, wherein you may be hereafter placed.

You are to comply with the several Signals and
Instructions for the Government of the Squadron, and Establishment of a
more Uniform Discipline in the Ships, which you will receive here with
untill further Order

To
Capt. And James Hamond
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship the Prochuck

Given on board His Majesty's Ship Eagle at
Sandy Hook the 12 Day of July 1776

Howe

By Command of the Vice Admiral
Josh. Davies

Memorandum

As the most saving Expence of Stores of every Species furnished for the Use of the Squadron, will be requisite; No Salute, with Guns, are to be exchanged between the Ships thereof; those of Flag Officers, or Commanders with Captains under them, upon their first Junction only, excepted.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship the Eagle at Sandy Hook the 12 Day of July 1776

Howe

So
Capt. Andrew Snape Hamond
Commander of His Majesty's Ship
the Roebuck

By Command of the Vice Admiral
Josh. Davies.

Willm. Hestrick

John Walladay

Wm. Lemon

Henry Thomas

John Willson

Morris Conner

Richd. Darrell

Robt Walker

Wm. Cockson

Tho. Ripper

Christ. Croft

John Brown

Geo. Linho

Abm. Phillips

Wm. Thompson

Sam. Harris

Jas. Mannon

By the Viscount Howe, Vice Admiral
of the White and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed
and to be employed in North America

Having ordered the seventeen Men named on
the other side hereof now borne as supernumeraries for Wages and
Victuals on board His Majesty's Ship the Bristol, to be discharged
into the Roebuck to serve as part of her Complement: You are
hereby directed to receive the said seventeen Men, and bear them
as part of your Complement accordingly.

Given on board His Majesty's Ship Eagle
off of Staten Island the 16 Day of August
1776:

Howe

So
Captain A. A. Hamond
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship the Roebuck

By Command of the Vice Admiral
Josh. Davies.

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